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YAGINUMA et al.

Serial No. 10/068,856

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Title: FINE TUNGSTEN CARBIDE POWDER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
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SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully submit a substitute preliminary amendment for the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that previously filed preliminary amendment of April 24, 2002 be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and entry of the substitute preliminary amendment as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the following amendments:

1. Please amend first paragraph on page 2, lines 8 to 12, to read as follows:

To develop a cemented carbide having a higher strength from the above points of view, the present inventors have focused research on a fine tungsten carbide powder